

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

The invention ~~finds that it is advantageous to have~~ advantageously includes a hydrophilic layer 41 (see Figure 3) as the outermost bodyside part of the liner 31, in contact with the wearer. This results in a very rapid absorption of fluids. A hydrophilic liner over an absorbent core, however, will in many cases allow liquid to move upwardly from the core toward the wearer again and "rewet" the skin of the wearer. It will also allow liquid to spread from the target area to the sides of the pad so that the stained area is much larger than that, for example, of a film covered pad. These are regarded as significant negative factors in the design of disposable personal care products since they can result in staining of clothing and bedding, and discomfort to the wearer.